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# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITIES IN DAREBIN**

Darebin City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land we now call Darebin and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and future.

Council pays respect to all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Darebin.

Council recognises, and pays tribute to, the diverse culture, resilience and heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We acknowledge the leadership of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the right to self-determination in the spirit of mutual understanding and respect.



**English - Minutes**

These are the minutes for the Council meeting. For assistance with any of the items in the minutes, please telephone 8470 8888.

**Arabic**

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**Chinese**

这是市议会会议纪要。如需协助了解其中的任何事项，请致电8470 8888。

**Greek**

Αυτά είναι τα πρακτικά της συνεδρίασης του Δημοτικού Συμβουλίου. Για βοήθεια σε οποιοδήποτε θέμα των πρακτικών, παρακαλούμε τηλεφωνήστε στο 8470 8888.

**Hindi**

ये काउंसिल की बैठक का ब्यौरा है. ब्यौरे के किसी भी आइटम के साथ सहायता के लिए कृपया 8470 8888 पर टेलीफोन करें।

**Italian**

Questo è il verbale per la riunione municipale. Per assistenza su uno dei punti del verbale chiamate il numero 8470 8888

**Macedonian**

Ова е записникот од состанокот на Советот на Општината. За помош за било која точка во записникот, ве молиме телефонирајте на 8470 8888.

**Somali**

Warbixintan koobani waa wixii lagaga wada hadlay kulankii Golaha Degmada. Wixii caawima ah oo ku saabsan qodob kasta oo ku jira warbixintan kooban, fadlan la xiriir tel: 8470 8888.

**Vietnamese**

Đây là biên bản buổi họp của Hội đồng Thành Phố. Muốn biết thêm các thông tin về biên bản buổi họp, xin hãy gọi số 8470 8888.

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
DAREBIN CITY COUNCIL HELD AT DAREBIN CIVIC CENTRE,  
350 HIGH STREET PRESTON ON MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2018**

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**THE MEETING OPENED AT 6.04PM**

## **1. WELCOME**

The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sue Wilkinson, opened the meeting and acknowledged the Wurundjeri people, traditional owners of the land.

Ms Wilkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies received:

Ms Ged Kearney MP

Hon. Robin Scott MP

Ms Lidia Thorpe

Hon. Colin Brooks MP

Mr Nazih Elasmr MP

Ms Bronwyn Halfpenny MP

Mr Craig Ondarchie MLC

Ms Fiona Pattern

Hon. Jenny Mikakos MP

Dr Samantha Ratnam MLC

## **2. PRESENT**

### ***Councillors***

Cr. Steph Amir

Cr. Gaetano Greco

Cr. Kim Le Cerf

Cr. Trent McCarthy

Cr. Lina Messina (6.25pm)

Cr. Susanne Newton

Cr. Susan Rennie

Cr. Julie Williams

### ***Council Officers***

Sue Wilkinson - Chief Executive Officer

Vito Albicini - General Manager Operations and Capital

Ingrid Bishop - General Manager Governance and Engagement

Cathy Henderson - General Manager Community

Rachel Ollivier - General Manager City Sustainability and Strategy

Melinda Viksne - Manager Governance and Performance

Karlee Ferrante - Council Business Officer

### **3. APOLOGIES**

Cr. Tim Laurence is on an approved leave of absence.

An apology was lodged for the initial absence of Cr. Lina Messina.

### **4. DISCLOSURES OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## 5. CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

### 5.1 ADDRESS BY THE OUTGOING MAYOR

**Author:** Manager Governance and Performance

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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The Chief Executive Officer invited the outgoing Mayor, Cr. Kim Le Cerf, to address the meeting and to provide a short reflection on her time as Mayor.

**5.3 TERM OF THE MAYOR****Author:** Manager Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 71 of the *Local Government Act 1989* prescribes that Council must elect a Councillor to be the Mayor of the Council at a meeting that is open to the public. Any Councillor is eligible for election (or re-election) to the office of Mayor.

Before a Mayor is elected, the Council may resolve to elect a Mayor for a term of two years. If no decision is made, the term of Mayor remains as one year.

The Mayor takes precedence at all municipal proceedings within the municipal district and must take the Chair at all meetings of the Council at which he or she is present.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-323****MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf**SECONDED:** Cr. S Amir**That** Council resolves to elect a Mayor for a term of one year.**CARRIED**



**5.4 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR****Author:** Manager Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sue Wilkinson, outlined the process for the election of the Mayor and invited nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Cr. Trent McCarthy nominated Cr. Susan Rennie for election to the Office of Mayor. Cr. Rennie accepted the nomination.

Cr. Gaetano Greco nominated Cr. Julie Williams for election to the Office of Mayor. Cr. Williams accepted the nomination.

After the Councillors voted for each of the candidates by a show of hands, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Susan Rennie elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Darebin for the term of one year.

**5.5 TERM OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR****Author:** Manager Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Darebin City Council's Governance Local Law 2017 allows for the election of a Deputy Mayor, subject to a resolution from Council.

<b>Council Resolution</b>
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**MINUTE NO. 18-324****MOVED:** Cr. K Le Cerf**SECONDED:** Cr. G Greco**That:**

- (1) Council resolves to elect a Deputy Mayor for a term of one year.
- (2) The Deputy Mayor be appointed under section 73(3) of the *Local Government Act 1989* as the acting Mayor in the event that the Mayor is absent, incapable of acting or refusing to act.
- (3) The Deputy Mayor or a Ward Councillor as directed by the Mayor shall act as spokesperson for the Mayor in the event that the Mayor is unavailable.
- (4) The Deputy Mayor be elected following the election of the Mayor and according to the provisions at Section 9 of the Governance Local Law 2017.
- (5) For all purposes other than that outlined in (2) and (3) above, the Deputy Mayor shall have the role and responsibilities of a Councillor.

**CARRIED**

**5.6 ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR****Author:** Manager Governance and Performance**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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The Chief Executive Officer, Ms Sue Wilkinson, outlined the process for the election of the Deputy Mayor and invited nominations.

Mayor Cr. Susan Rennie nominated Cr. Susanne Newton for election as Deputy Mayor. Cr. Newton accepted the nomination.

Cr. Gaetano Greco nominated Cr. Julie Williams for election as Deputy Mayor. Cr. Williams accepted the nomination.

Cr. Williams and Cr. Newton each made presentations on their nominations for the Deputy Mayor position.

After the Councillors voted for each of the candidates by a show of hands, the Chief Executive Officer declared Cr. Susanne Newton elected to the Office of Mayor of the City of Darebin for the term of one year.

*Cr. Messina entered the meeting during the above item at 6.25pm.*

**5.2 ADDRESS BY THE OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR**

**Author:** Manager Governance and Performance

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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The Chief Executive Officer invited the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cr. Lina Messina, to address the meeting and to provide a short reflection on her time as Deputy Mayor.

**5.7 MAYOR, DEPUTY MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES**

**Author:** Manager Governance and Performance

**Reviewed By:** General Manager Governance and Engagement

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The Chief Executive Officer invited the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to address the meeting.

Councillors were then invited to respond to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's addresses.

**6. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.